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Board Applies for Funding for Parks

The following items came before the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors during their September 18th meeting:

- The Board provided the Chaffey Joint Union High School District with \$14,646 to continue providing school probation officers for this school year. The Board of Supervisors and the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools coordinate to place probation officers on specific campuses to reduce campus crime and truancy. The program is funded through a state grant received by the County and by the participating school district, so there is no cost to the County's general fund.

"This is a program that should be continued," said Fourth District Supervisor Fred Aguiar. "The probation officers in the program perform an important function in keeping our school campuses safer."

- The Board of Supervisors issued their official response to the 2000-2001 Grand Jury Final Report. In their report, the Grand Jury recommended that the Board upgrade the existing television equipment in the Board of Supervisors chambers in order to make videotapes of Board meetings available to cable television stations.

In their response, the Board noted that in October, Supervisor Aguiar asked County staff to look into the feasibility of videotaping Board of Supervisors meetings and distributing them to interested media outlets. Within the next 90 days, staff will be providing the Board with information relative to equipment needed and costs required to adequately videotape the Board meetings for possible use on cable television.

- October 1, 2001, was designated as the kick-off date for the 2001 Combined Giving Campaign. The Campaign is a fundraising drive endorsed by the Board of Supervisors each year. This year's participants are the Children's Fund, Community Health Charities of California, Earth Share of California, and the six local United

Way agencies that serve San Bernardino County. As a result of last year's Combined Giving Campaign, County employees contributed approximately \$350,000 to the participating organizations. This year the goal has been set at \$367,000.

"The Combined Giving Campaign is a great way for the County and its employees to support these important organizations that do so much to meet a variety of needs in our communities," said Chairman Aguiar.

- During yesterday's special meeting of the Board of Supervisors, the Board approved an application to the State for \$4,832,410 in Proposition 12 grant funding for use in enhancing the County's regional parks. They also approved an application in the amount of \$1,397,590 for use in enhancing local parks within the county service areas. In the Fourth District, proposed projects include completion of the electrical upgrades at the campgrounds at Prado Regional Park and the construction of a group picnic area at Guasti Regional Park.

"The parks are an essential part of providing a high quality of life to county residents, and I look forward to improving them with these funds," said Supervisor Aguiar.

- Fourth District Supervisor Fred Aguiar has announced that he is seeking someone interested in filling a vacancy that currently exists on the County's Child Care and Development Planning Council. The Council serves to set priorities for the use of Child Care Block Grant Funds and to assess child care needs within the County. It meets on the second Wednesday of every other month at 10:00 AM.

In order to be eligible, interested persons must have had a child or grandchild in organized child care within the past three years. Furthermore, those interested in applying must reside within the Fourth Supervisorial District, which includes the cities of Ontario, Montclair, Chino, and Chino Hills. To obtain an application, please contact the office of Supervisor Fred Aguiar at (909) 387-4866. *Completed applications must be returned by Friday, October 12th.*

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